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**SUBJECT:** OHIO Product Liability Legislation

Ohio Governor Richard Celeste signed a comprehensive tort and insurance reform package yesterday afternoon. The measure includes several product liability provisions including this limitation:

"A product is not defective in design or formulation if the harm for which the claimant seeks to recover compensatory damages was caused by an inherent characteristic of the product which is a generic aspect of the product that cannot be eliminated without substantially compromising the product's usefulness or desirability and which is recognized by the ordinary person with the ordinary knowledge common to the community."

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